

REMARKS:

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The allowance of claims 1-11 and 14-17 is noted.

Claims 1, 3, 6 and 12-14 are amended so that terminology is consistent in referring to the concrete module roof, module floor and module side wall.

The drawings were objected to because they did not include reference signs for the crane hook H or for the lifter receiving tube 34. A Notice to the Draftsman is enclosed together with two sheets of corrected drawings in which the crane hook reference character H is added to FIGURE 2, and the receiving tube reference numeral 34 is substituted for incorrect reference numeral 36 in FIGURE 5.

The drawings were further objected to because they include element number 82 for which there was no written description. The attached amendments add reference numeral 82 to the specification where appropriate, namely, page 12, line 2.

Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 103(a) as being unpatentable over McClellan (6,058,672) in view of Torbet, et al. (Re 31,131). Claim 12 is amended to include the added limitation that the "linking member is spaced laterally from and is separate from said module side wall and such that said linking member provides a structural connection between said module roof and said module floor which is spaced laterally from and is separate from said module side wall." The basis for these added

limitations is found in FIGURES 1, 3 and 4 and in the specification generally. Providing structural support separate and spaced laterally from the module side wall is an important feature of the invention, because this arrangement gives the module greater structural integrity to withstand the stresses of module lifting. The cited references do not teach this. The McClellan interconnection member runs through the concrete side wall. Thus this added limitation to the method steps is believed to patentably distinguish amended claim 12, and claim 13 depending therefrom, from the cited references. The last method step of claim 12 of tensioning the linking member is deleted and moved to dependent claim 13, since this step does not appear to be necessary to the potential allowability of amended claim 12.

Claim 18 is added which has all of the limitations of allowed claim 1, plus the further limitation that the linking member is spaced laterally from the module side wall. Therefore added claim 18 should be allowable for the same reasons that claim 1 was allowed.

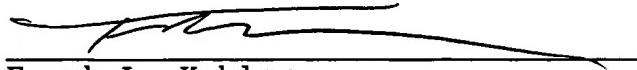
In view of the foregoing considerations, it is respectfully urged that each of claims 12 and 13 as amended and added claim 18 should be allowed. Such action is respectfully requested.

If there are any reservations about allowing these claims, a telephone interview is respectfully requested.

A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed with the required fee.

This Amendment is mailed on February 10, because the due date of February 8, 2003 falls on a Saturday.

Respectfully submitted,



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